

Do we choose God or did God choose us?

Being a simple study in Election.

What saith the Scripture?

But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth. 2 Thessalonians 2:13

1. Who did the choosing? God hath chosen. Mark 13:20
2. Whom did God choose? You, brethren. John 13:18; 15:16,19
3. When did God choose them? From the beginning. Ephesians 1:4,5
4. What did God choose them to? To salvation. Acts 13:48
5. Why did God choose them? They were beloved of the Lord. Jeremiah 31:3
6. How does God effect His eternal decree of election? Through sanctification of the Spirit (regeneration) and belief of the truth (faith). John 1:12,13
7. What should our response to God's sovereign election be? Giving thanks always to God. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-4

Thus we clearly see from Scripture that it is God who has chosen specific individuals from eternity past to be saved, and that He selected them out of the mass of fallen humanity, not because they were more deserving than others, but simply because He loved them according to His own good pleasure. Then in time God sent His Son to die for the sins of His elect and to purchase for them pardon, the Holy Ghost to regenerate them, and faith to lay hold upon Jesus Christ for salvation. And so all the praise goes to God alone Who chose us.